

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION  
ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
SLOW PITCH POST-SEASON PLAYOFFS**

**July 14, 2011**

**Except in the following situations, Montgomery County Recreation softball rules will apply:**

1. There will be a 65-minute time limit on all playoff games (unless tied) except for the championship game. There will be no time on the Championship games other than the 10:30pm curfew. If the time limit has expired, and the game is tied, or the game has not reached 7 innings teams will go to a one-pitch format. All games must go 7 innings. The only time the game can not go 7 innings as if the time is 10:30pm (no new inning after 10:20pm). The one-pitch format is only used when the time limit has expired regardless of innings played. If the time limit has not reached the 65 minute mark, and teams have played 7 innings and the score is tied regular play continues. In the Men's playoff a coin flip will be used for all games except championship game. The team that is in the "winners" bracket will be **home team. In an "if" game, a coin flip will determine home team.**
2. **Slaughter Rule;** Any team leading by 20 after three innings, 15 after four innings or 10 runs after five (5) innings or any complete inning thereafter will be declared the winner and the game will be complete. A 15 run mercy rule will apply only in the Championship game and "IF" game only.
3. There will be a 10-minute grace period for the **first game of the day only**. Teams must field at least 8 players from the scheduled starting time. Teams should plan to be at the field 15 minutes prior to game time.
4. The Home Team for each game must provide an official scorekeeper.
5. The Recreation Department will supply two new softballs that are .52-core/275 or 300 compressions per game. Each team will provide one .52-core softball to the Umpire as a back-up ball before the game begins. Team putting the ball out-of-play is responsible for replacing the ball. The Recreation will attempt to supply all softballs if possible.
6. Any player who is ejected from any playoff game will automatically sit out the remainder of all playoff tournament(s). However the Tournament Director has final decision on ejections/suspensions.
7. Players can only play for one team within that playoff bracket. Example: A player can play in the "C" Regional Division One and the "C/D" Regional Division playoffs, but can not play on two teams in the one playoff bracket. **Penalty:** the 2<sup>nd</sup> team will forfeit out of the playoffs.
8. Each batter will begin with a 1 ball, 1 strike count. A courtesy foul allowed after 2 strikes.
9. There will be **no courtesy runners**. Teams must use the ASA substitution rule.
10. **Home run:** Men's "C" home run limit of 5 per team per game, and "C/D" and "D" home run limit of 3 per team per game. The one-up rule will apply during all playoff games.
11. **A home run** for this rule will be defined as a fair ball over the fence. If a player hits any additional home runs over the limit, and the one-up **does not** apply, the home run shall be declared an out.
12. The Senior Umpire or Tournament Director at each field will handle all protests regarding rule interpretations.
13. If there is any doubt concerning inclement weather, teams are responsible to appear at the field site. In the event of rain/inclement weather the Recreation Department has the right to change the format of the playoffs.
14. In case of inclement weather, please call the following recording - (240) 777-6889, or the Regional Park inclement weather recorder for more information regarding the playoffs.
15. **All players must have their Driver's License at the field prior to their games for valid proof of roster eligibility, or that player may not participate.**

**Weather Lines:** Montgomery County: 240-777-6889